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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TOYOFUKU et al.

Art Unit: 3611

Application No.: 10/073,981

Examiner: Lee S. Lum

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

June 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5 as set forth below. A marked-up copy of the original claims is attached to this response.

3. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the connection includes a torque limiter acting between the motor shaft and the nut to release an engagement between the motor shaft and the nut when subjected to a torque larger than a predetermined value.

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